



September 2020

# Southern Trails

**Next Meeting:**

**The September Club Meeting will be held at the Canberra Deakin Football Club at 7:30pm on Tuesday 8th September.**

(Please see the Club Meetings COVID-19 Safety Plan on pg. 5)



**Lookout!...**

**(Victorian High Country)**



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## General Meetings are held at the Canberra Deakin Football Club, Grose St, Deakin at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

General meetings are where Club members and visitors can meet and get information on past and future Club activities in an informal atmosphere. Meetings regularly feature talks from experts on topics of interest, and reports on past trips. Visitors can introduce themselves, there is a raffle with generous prizes and a coffee break for catching up with other members.

Ideas for guest speakers are welcome, please don't hesitate to contact the Committee if you know of someone who could make an interesting and topical presentation.

Many members gather before the meeting to enjoy a meal or a drink at the club.

## Publications

**Website:** Information regarding the Club, our activities, sponsors, and membership is available on our website at [www.st4wdc.com.au](http://www.st4wdc.com.au).

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**Southern Trails:** is the ST4WDC monthly newsletter. Trip reports, member profiles, relevant articles, and classified advertisements are welcome, as are photographs and illustrations. Closing date for contributions is the first Tuesday of the month. Send contributions to [publications@st4wdc.com.au](mailto:publications@st4wdc.com.au).

## Talooge Park

Talooge is the Club's 688 ha bush block in rugged country east of Bredbo. It is used for training and other Club activities. Several areas are set aside for basic bush camping, these have firewood and there are flushing toilets and a (bring your own) shower cubicle available. A covered barbeque area is also available but there is no water or electricity and mobile phone coverage is very limited. Pets and the discharge of firearms are not permitted on the property. Visitors should assume they are wholly responsible for their own wellbeing and conscious of the risks of fire, snakebite, etc. Further details are on the Club's website.

## Club Bank Account

Membership fees are paid through the Club's website. For other financial transactions, the Club's bank account details are:

Bank:	Bank Australia
Account Name:	ST4WDC
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<b>Account Number:</b>	<b>1213 0617</b>



## Code of Ethics



# Four Wheel Drive Australia Code Of Ethics

ST4WDC is affiliated with Four Wheel Drive Australia and we promote responsible four wheel driving. We should all observe and support this Code of Ethics. Remember, image is difficult to change.

- Obey the laws and regulations for Recreational Vehicles that apply to public lands.
- Respect the cultural, heritage and environmental values of public/private land, by obeying restrictions that may apply.
- Respect our flora and fauna. Stop and look, but never disturb.
- Keep to formed vehicle tracks.
- Keep the environment clean. Carry your own, and any other, rubbish out.
- Keep your vehicle mechanically sound and clean to reduce the environmental impact.
- Adopt minimal impact camping and driving practices.
- Seek permission before driving on private land. Do not disturb livestock or watering points, leave gates as found.
- Take adequate water, food, fuel, basic spares and a first aid kit on trips. In remote areas travel with another vehicle and have Royal Flying Doctor Service, or equivalent emergency contact by radio or satellite.
- Plan ahead and lodge trip details with a responsible person.
- Enjoy your recreation and respect the rights of others.
- Support four-wheel drive touring as a legitimate family activity.
- Consider joining an affiliated four-wheel drive Club.

This Code supports the National Recreational Four Wheel Drive Vehicle Policy.

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For advice and assistance in meeting the requirements of this Code of Conduct contact the [Secretary](#)

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# *President's Report*

## *Andy Squire*

Spring has sprung, the grass is riz, time to get the lawn mower out (perhaps weed basher would be a better description). Don't know about you, but I would rather get the camping gear out and head off. But, at least we can travel responsibly in NSW, there are plenty of isolated camping spots and YouCamps (now called HipCamp for some trendy reason) have several that are still operating, and there is the chance to find a private river and self isolate for a few days. Brilliant!

Bron and I just had few nights at one such place near Sofala / Hill End on the Crudine River (a tributary of the Turon). By fuelling up in Canberra we were able to minimise the need for stopping and shopping, but visits to Hill End and Sofala were a must – a couple of really interesting little towns left over from the Gold Rush era. A lot of the small country shops are obviously doing it tough and are closed due to COVID, while others have implemented COVID Plans and are managing to operate in some limited sense (the pubs were pretty cool). As long as you are careful, adhere to advice and obey the rules I think it is OK – we were welcomed so I think they are happy to see the tourists back. Just wish the Bridle Track was opened again.

Following some hard work and research from the Committee (thanks Matt W and others) we have established Talooge, Trip, Training and Meeting COVID-19 Safety Plans. After discussions with management at the Deakin Soccer Club we are now prepared to run the Club General Meeting for September, although it will be in a revised format and much shorter duration (thank goodness you say?). We will also be limited to numbers, and all attendees will need to be seated. Meals will be available, but in the meeting room and not in the dining room (still order at the bistro / bar). It's been a while, hope to see you there. More on the COVID plans later in the newsletter.

I sat in on the August quarterly meeting of the NSW Association via Zoom. It seems to work well but obviously the social aspect of the meeting just isn't the same. A member of the National Council attended and was able to fill in a few blanks and confirm some of the actions of the Council reported by the NSW Association – it seems that the Council has been 'refreshed' and is now working in a more harmonious manner and towards providing the benefits we would expect from being part of such a body. The NSW Association is now looking to return, however there are still a number of issues to work through.

What was disappointing to come out of the meeting (and recent Facebook posts) is the ongoing closure of National Parks and State Forests due to the irresponsible behaviour of users – damage to tracks and facilities through stupid vehicle behaviour, and dumping of toxic rubbish. The local clubs and the NSW Association are working with the authorities to

## *President's Report*

### *Andy Squire*

provide information which will help identify those responsible, and the Association is working towards some form of Permit system to enable member clubs to have ongoing access. The Association 'Cheat Sheet' distributed following the meeting is included later in the newsletter with more information on the activities of the Association.

Last month we ran a survey of members to try and work out whether or not to continue with the Spectacular. We received about 50 responses which was probably not a bad number given that we all hate surveys – who ever spends the time to answer all the questions from the cold caller? Normally it's just 'sod off' and hang up. A significant majority (95+%) of respondents said we should continue and there were some good ideas and comments – thanks to those who followed the link and gave feedback.

Based on this, I am meeting with the ACT 4WD Club this weekend to bounce some ideas around and see how future shows could work, what a revised format might look like, and how the MOU will need to be revised. Depending on the outcome we may then try and engage with the major participants to gauge their level of interest before making a final commitment. Hopefully more to report at the meeting.

And that's me about done. Think I've covered everything I need to. And my fingers ache from typing. So, hope to see you on Tuesday, and remember

“It could be that your purpose in life is to serve as a warning to others.”

Andy..



## Letter from the Editor

Hi everyone,

This month we have trip reports from Wee Jasper and the Mid Week Muster. Also a rerun of the Friday in the Brindies trip from last month - there was a bit of a problem with the article which was fixed and republished but people who downloaded the newsletter early may not have seen the entire commentary.

September looks to be busy with a Kowen Forest Campout; unwinding at Gillards Beach, and a ramble in the Brindies on offer. Unfortunately Dim Viteri's Flinders Ranges trip planned for the end of last month had to be put on hold due to COVID restrictions in SA. I'm sure he'll get it up and running again when travel restrictions ease.

Also this month, the Driver Training Unit will be running basic and winching courses, and some Club members are attending an accredited chainsaw course provided through 4WD ACT and NSW by Getabout. Here's hoping the weather doesn't step in to spoil it again.

A Mid Week Muster at the land took care of some much needed maintenance items and spruced the place up in preparation for upcoming courses. Apart from general cleaning and tidying, the tracks got some attention, a new water tank stand was constructed, and some new trees were planted. We also managed to put in place some new soap and hand sanitiser stations, and signage in line with our COVID-19 Safety Plan. More on this later in the newsletter.



The *Show off your Rig* series of articles has continued this month with a look over Michael and Keryn Zissler's freshly revamped Hilux which is sporting a fancy new Norweld canopy that really looks the goods.

We also have a few new classified ads that are worth a look.

Remember this is your newsletter, and it relies on member contributions. So please consider contributing an article, recipe, or something else 4WD related if you can.

Happy Trails, Matt Warmington [publications@st4wdc.com.au](mailto:publications@st4wdc.com.au)



## COVID-19 Update

To support the gradual and careful reintroduction of normal activities whilst maintaining a safe environment for members and complying with the relative restrictions in each state, the Club has prepared COVID Safety Plans for the Driver Training Unit, Talooge, Meetings, and Trips.

The requirements are based on the following four elements:

- Wellbeing of Members and Visitors
- Physical Distancing
- Hygiene and Cleaning
- Record Keeping

**Wellbeing** provisions include our Self Assessments, avoiding hotspots, and excluding people who have been unwell or are at higher risk. We may also carry out temperature checking at meeting places before trips where there is a higher risk.

**Physical** distancing provisions include 1.5m separation between people who do not live together, and limiting numbers on trips and indoors. This includes travelling in vehicles with people you don't live with. Signs have been erected at Talooge to assist and advise.

**Hygiene** and cleaning provisions include advice on hand cleaning and sanitisation including when and how, covering coughs and sneezes, and regular cleaning and disinfection of commonly touched surfaces such as the toilets, door handles, seat backs and hand rests, etc. We have installed handwash and sanitiser dispensers at Talooge, closed the clubhouse kitchen at Talooge, and won't be serving coffee or tea at meetings for this reason.

**Record** keeping of attendance enables cooperation with Health authorities if in the unlikely event a member or visitor came down with the virus after attending one of our activities.

A briefing on the safety plan requirements will be provided at the commencement of each activity, whether it be a meeting, trip, or training course.

Your cooperation with these COVID Safety Plan requirements will enable us to continue to reintroduce and run activities safely.

**A copy of the Club Meetings COVID-19 Safety Plan is shown on the next page..**





## Club Meetings COVID-19 Safety Plan

### Overview

This plan has been prepared in cooperation with the Canberra Deakin Football Club to communicate the approach to COVID-19 safety and minimise the risk of members and guests contracting COVID-19 whilst participating in Club Meetings.

This plan applies to all ST4WDC members and guests, and only to Meetings at Canberra Deakin Football Club. Separate plans have been developed for Trips, Talooge, and Training.

The plan has been prepared to comply with our interpretation of ACT restrictions at the date of the plan. The plan will be updated as the situation changes and in accordance with ACT and NSW restrictions.

### Pre-Meeting

- Please ensure that you sign in at the front desk when you arrive at Canberra Deakin Football Club. This is necessary for contact tracing purposes.
- Use the hand sanitisers/sprays which will be available at locations around the club.
- Head straight to the main meeting room and take a seat. If you are ordering drinks, please return to the main room once you have ordered. Please do not congregate in the bar area.
- If you are not ordering drinks, please head straight to the main meeting room after signing in.
- You must always be seated in the main room, please do not congregate.
- Please ensure you follow the social distancing requirements of 1.5m

### Dinner Arrangements

- If you would like to eat dinner before the meeting, you can order as usual in the bistro, however you will need to eat your meal in the main meeting room due to restricted space in the Bistro.
- Ten tables, each seating 8 will be available in the main room and each table will have a table number.
- Make sure you note your table number before heading to the bistro to order.
- Your food order will be brought into you in the main meeting room
- Staff will remove your plates and clean the tables once you have eaten.

### During the Meeting

- The meeting cannot go ahead unless everyone is seated, max 8 persons per table. You must always be seated whilst in the club unless you are using the rest rooms or ordering drinks/food.
- There will be two microphones and hand wipes available for use.
- Unfortunately, coffee and tea will not be available and there will be no raffle.
- The meeting will be running straight through without a break and is expected to last about an hour.

### After the Meeting

- If members wish to have a drink in the bar after the meeting, you will always be expected to be seated except when ordering drinks and follow social distancing restrictions.

Please note, Canberra Deakin Football Club Staff will be monitoring the bar and bistro areas, ST4WDC Committee members will be monitoring the main meeting room. This is to ensure everyone is complying with the COVID-19 restrictions. It is your responsibility to ensure you comply with the restrictions. The September meeting (and future meetings) could be cancelled if members do not comply.

The main meeting room is allowed a maximum of 100 people. We will therefore be monitoring the number of attendees to ensure we do not exceed this number.

# Trip Report

## Mid Week Muster

**Participants:** Michael Patrick; Jim Anderson; Andy and Bron Squire; Matt Warmington; Michael and Keryn Zissler; Tom Bustin; Chris Nicholls; and Scott Cumming.

A broad selection of four wheel drives and their equally broad minded owners met in the cold on the side of the Monaro Highway at Williamsdale when normal folk would be happily sitting in their warm offices and workplaces on a Tuesday morning.

On the agenda for the next three days were various maintenance items that needed to be taken care of at Talooge to enable its use in albeit a limited capacity for training. Some of the tasks on the list were:

- Track clearing and repairs,
- Checking batteries, locks, consumables, fuel, gas, etc
- Checking first aid kits and equipment,
- Checking water tanks,
- Cleaning gutters, toilets and the clubhouse,
- Collecting firewood,
- Installing COVID signs,
- Installing hand wash and sanitiser units,
- Constructing a new handwash drum stand,
- Planting some new trees,
- Running generators, pumps and some new tools.



## Trip Report

### Mid Week Muster



Arriving after some running repairs on a particularly disagreeable D035 trailer hitch, the group set about getting started on the tasks in hand.

The weather certainly cooperated with lovely sunny days and clear cool nights which were heated by a campfire of epic proportions. Some might think we were testing the size of fire necessary to enforce 1.5m separation.

Jim “Picasso” Anderson spent considerable time making sure the new tank stand would “stand” up to the test of time by applying multiple coats to the various components, Chris “the Engineer” Nicholls made sure it would stay standing with a multitude of cross braces, and Andy “the mason” Squire provided a solid base so the whole lot wouldn't just sink into the soggy earth. Now we just need another one for the other tank.



Considerable effort was spent checking and clearing tracks so that they can be used during training. Routes were reviewed and adjusted to accommodate our COVID-19 safety plan provision that doesn't allow trainers as passengers in student vehicles. Consequently instructors need to be stationed at key locations to provide guidance.



The toilets at the clubhouse and on Thurbon Flat were cleaned and disinfected, and gutters on all the sheds were checked and cleaned to remove the plethora of nature that had taken up residence there.

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Seven new tree saplings were planted between the clubhouse and Thurbon Flat to provide additional cover for future campers using the spaces in between. Digging a suitable hole with the auger through the shale filled ground was a challenge and produced a number of lovely bruises for the operator, though after several attempts to find suitable shale free locations the job was completed.

Water levels in the tanks were checked though sub zero morning temperatures made it impossible to get anything out of the taps until the sun came out and warmed up the pipes.



The firewood crews headed out armed with primed chainsaws, empty trailers, and lots of energy and returned with empty chainsaws, full trailers, and just enough energy to open a drink.

There should be enough firewood in the sheds and at the campfire now to keep us going for a few more nights at least, though at the rate we went through it during the Muster we might need some more!



It pays to remember that everything that happens in this Club from training to property maintenance to trips is done by volunteers who give their time and effort freely so that we all can enjoy the benefits.

Many thanks to those who were able to come out and lend a hand during the Muster. Pat yourselves on the back for a job well done!

# Trip Report

## Wee Jasper

### Members

- Rob and Lynne Donaldson – Trip leaders
- Sue and Rob Phillips
- Lisa Tatem
- Luke and Mike Guilliot
- Neil and Jane Coffee
- Daz, Trish and Jack Miller
- Janet and Jemma Flint
- Pedro and Barbara Rezende
- David, Jessie and Archie Hearne



Many thanks for organising a great trip. Even with the rain and some decent mud on the track, it was great being Charlie no dust.

It was great to see lush green grass again with great views over the valley. Even found a few tracks that we would be interested for a day trip. And Lisa didn't really drive off with the spare wheel swinging in the rain, Mark. As a rumour has it the 79 breaks down every time the bonnets up. Thankyou for a COVID-19 compliant trip, everyone keeping 1.5m distancing.

### **Team Shakey**

It was great to be joining the convoy and setting off on a trip in the outdoors! It had been way too long between adventures. As we set off it began to drizzle, then rain but it didn't daunt us as we headed for Wee Jasper. The low hanging cloud and rain made it hard to see the scenery but it was good to get



## Trip Report Wee Jasper

mud on the car! A short rest at pretty Micalong Creek before we found a spot to stop for lunch further along. Lynne arranged for a break in the drizzle too which was great! Even though we were socially distanced it was lovely to sit and chat and meet new friends.



All in all a great day out, thanks Lynne and Rob. We enjoyed the drive so much we drove it again a week and a half later along a snow lined road!

**Cheers, Jane and Neil**

# *Trip Report*

## *Wee Jasper*

Thanks for the trip to Wee Jasper. It was a nice trip to catch up with people from the club even though it was quite wet. It was lovely scenery and great to see the river flowing again.



**Thanks, Luke**

# Trip Report

## Wee Jasper



Even though it was wet, we had a great day travelling along Brindabella Road and Nottingham Road to Wee Jasper. The rain cleared just when we stopped next to Micalong Creek for lunch. Lots of laughs and catching up with Club members who we haven't seen since before COVID. Thanks Lynne and Rob for organising this great trip. You have inspired us to arrange some more trips.

### **Sue and Rob**

Thank you to all of the Club Members that came along on our trip to Wee Jasper. We were worried with the continual rain on whether to proceed but were glad in the end that we did and that the drizzle of rain stopped whilst we had lunch.

It's a great drive and Rob and I will endeavour to put up another picnic by the river in the warmer Months so that we can enjoy a swim as well.

### **Rob and Lynne**



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## Member Article

### Tina's Quilts



More of Tina Patrick's work.

Quilted tool roll holder. MP says he had to put oil on it so it looked mannish

The quilt was done for just Michael and Tina and was 15 months in the making.

Cushion just for something to do.



## Show off your Rig

**Owner:** Michael and Keryn Zissler

**Base Vehicle:** 2014 Toyota Hilux SR5  
3 litre diesel auto.

Michael and Keryn purchased “Boris” the Hilux new in 2014 and have travelled thousands of relatively trouble free kilometres on many trips towing “Beryl” the TVan.

Boris previously had a tub and canopy though the decision to upgrade was taken after an investigation into dust ingress discovered a significant crack in the fiberglass canopy.

Six months of research and planning was done before committing to the replacement canopy late last year including factory visits, quotations, and reading up on products and reviews. The decision to select a Norweld canopy was taken and the upgrade happened in January. It involved removal of the old tub and canopy by Hume Offroad, and then a trip to the Norweld factory in Sydney to have the new canopy installed.

Apart from the canopy, Boris has been fitted with several other upgrades over the years including a Provent Catch Can, a Water Watch Filter, and second battery under the bonnet. He also has a chip and 3” DPF back exhaust from Legendex. The torque provided by the power upgrades is very noticeable when towing “Beryl” up hills according to Mike.

The driveline has been treated to dual E Lockers which combined with a moderate suspension lift works really well to get traction to the ground on loose surfaces or uneven tracks.



## Show off your Rig



The GVM was upgraded after first registration from 2710kg to 3045kg helping to manage the load of the accessories and canopy, which came in only around 60kg heavier than the old tub and fibreglass canopy.

The canopy build quality is excellent with loads of little features to make life easier including a plethora of removable tie down points, slide out kitchen drawer and bench, and Clearview drop slide for the fridge with its own removable bench.



Internal framing appears solid and the welding is an artform all by itself. No material or effort appears to have been spared in this department.

Compartment dividers are perforated to lighten the load and provide ventilation. A positive pressurisation spigot at the front drives out any dust that manages to get past the seals.

Also included in the build is a fold down ladder at the rear, jerrycan and spare tyre holder over the tray to keep the weight forward, a shovel holder, drop boxes for recovery gear, tools and compressor, and a water tank.



A trundle tray at the back is used to hold recovery gear, tools, spares, and other bits and bobs. Mike and Keryn found some fabric boxes from IKEA that fit perfectly and neatly arrange everything into easy to see and access compartments.

Another tip is the use of 27 litre clear tubs to provide stackable storage that allows you to see the contents whilst not being too heavy to lift and move around.

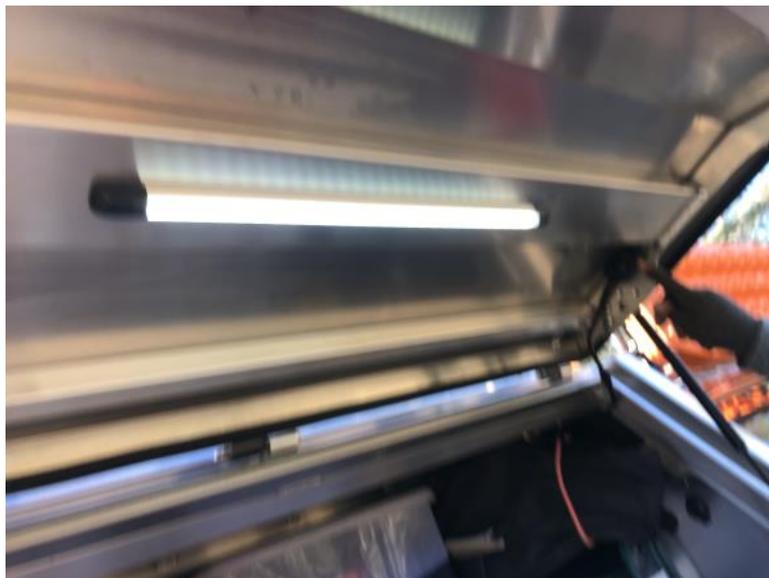
## Show off your Rig

The canopy was optioned up with a lithium battery system with Enerdrive DC to DC and 240V chargers, and 1000W sine wave inverter to give plenty of power to support the fridge and lighting as well as other appliances - coffee machine?



Mike and Keryn opted out of the roof mounted solar in favour of a portable panel so that the full roof storage space was available.

## Show off your Rig



Orange and white dimmable strip lighting is included under the canopy doors,

**What would I change?** Put a lock on the water tank filler cap.

**What would be my next mod?** Wrap the canopy doors to protect them.

**What works really well?** The E Lockers.

If you'd like to *Show off your Rig* or chat about anything you've seen in this article, please get in touch.

Cheers, Matt

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## *Trips and Events*

### *Michael Patrick*

Note that COVID-19 and other circumstances may affect this list. Please check [www.st4wdc.com.au](http://www.st4wdc.com.au) and consult with the Trip Leader to confirm details before attending.

Start	End	Activity	Type	Leader
09-Sep-20	13-Sep-20	Consolidated "Safe One" Basic Driver Training At Talooge Park	Training	Bronwyn Squire
11-Sep-20	13-Sep-20	Basic Winching and Recovery Course	Grade 3	Bronwyn Squire
11-Sep-20	11-Sep-20	Basic Winching and Recovery Course	Grade 3	Bronwyn Squire
18-Sep-20	20-Sep-20	Accredited Chainsaw Training	Grade 2	Glenn Watts
18-Sep-20	20-Sep-20	Gillards Beach Campground unwind	Grade 2	Darren Miller
20-Sep-20	20-Sep-20	Brindabella Ramble	Grade 3	Rob Stevenson
30-Sep-20	30-Sep-20	Basic Training 4WD Vehicle Evaluation	Training	Peter Butterfield
03-Oct-20	03-Oct-20	Kowen forest day trip 2	Grade 4	Darren Miller
10-Oct-20	11-Oct-20	Explore The Tracks of Abercrombie River National Park	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
16-Oct-20	18-Oct-20	Lets explore the tracks at Central West 4wd Park	Grade 4	Lynne Donaldson
21-Oct-20	21-Oct-20	Information Night River Crossing & Sand Driving Course	Training	Bronwyn Squire
28-Oct-20	01-Nov-20	Consolidated "Safe One" Basic Driver Training At Talooge Park	Training	Bronwyn Squire
07-Nov-20	07-Nov-20	River Crossing and Sand Driving Course	Grade 3	Bronwyn Squire
08-Nov-20	08-Nov-20	Brindabella Ramble	Grade 3	Mark Wakelam
14-Nov-20	20-Nov-20	Vic High Ramble V5	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
23-Jan-21	25-Jan-21	Australia Day Long Weekend Victoria High Country	Grade 4	Lynne Donaldson
20-Mar-21	26-Mar-21	Vic High Country	Grade 4	Michael Patrick
20-Mar-21	26-Mar-21	Vic High Country in Reverse	Grade 4	Matt Warmington
05-Jun-21	06-Jun-21	Trip Leader Workshop	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
21-Aug-21	22-Aug-21	OziExplorer, Hema Explorer Navigational Workshop	Grade 3	Michael Patrick

## *Southern Trails Back Copies*

In January when the fires looked like they might hit Talooge some of the 'combustible treasures' were brought back into Canberra for safekeeping. Among them were editions of the Club Magazine, 'The Southern Trails' (before we changed to the electronic newsletter).

Thanks to Bron and Lynne for collating / sorting them, and Bron for doing an audit, we now have a full list of those editions we actually hold, and those that are missing. While we should be able to get copies from the National Library, if any members have copies of the missing editions and would be willing to donate them back to the Club to help us complete our set it would be much appreciated.

Some months ago we were donated bound editions from several years by one of our members and these have been stored in the Clubhouse at Talooge. It would be nice if we could complete the set and have a fully bound archive of the magazine - some make interesting reading and are of historical interest to the Club.

<b>Missing Editions (Needed)</b>	
1-Jun	Nov '76 – May '77
9	Aug '77
Dec-15	Nov '77 – Feb '78
33	Aug '79
86	July '84
167	Nov '91
228	June '97
260	May-00
292 – 293	Apr – May '03
295 – 297	July – Sept '03
299 – 302	Nov '03 – Mar '04
326	May '06
366	Dec '09
395	Aug '12
398	Nov '12 – Feb '13
417	Aug '14
419-423	Oct '14 – Mar '15
425 – 428	May – Aug '15
430 – 431	Oct – Nov '15
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# Trip Report

## Friday in the Brindies (re-run)



### Participants:

Bron and Andy; Michael P; Trish and Shakey; Lynne and Rob; Alain; Chris and Julie; Glynis; Siva; Angela.

Thanks for organizing a fantastic trip Bron & Andy. I thought I had been on most of the tracks in the Brindabella's but I was wrong. Went through puddles that looked like broken glass due to the layer of ice. Trish drove well through the slippery mud on the powerline

trail. She was relieved that we didn't have to drive back up that way. We almost had Michael Patrick doing a trip report for once. But then somehow the conversation had been changed to his love affair with "Barbra" the toy sheep. So here we are again having to do a paragraph on Velcro gloves whoops sorry about the trip.

### Thanks sHaKeY

Could not of asked for a better way to spend our RDO (rostered day off). The sun was shining, birds were singing (so was Lynne in the car) and the sound of the mighty V8 going up those hills made for a fantastic day. It was a pleasure to sit by the river and with the great group of Members at McIntyre's hut for an hour or so enjoying lunch and a few laughs. Looking forward to the next Club trip we go on.

### Rob and Lynne

On a beautiful sunny morning somewhat frosty, I arrived at the Uriarra home state to join the convoy. It was nice to catch up with fellow members, and to meet some new ones. We drove to McIntyre's hut, starting from blue range road, two sticks track, followed by the powerline trail, and many more. Thanks to our trip leader we



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stopped on time for morning tea @ 1045 on the dot, (as after 11am it would have been a brunch), and there we were spoiled by a magnificent view.

The going was not too challenging, except one downhill section which was quite slippery with deep ruts. Here my car had a mind of its own as I tried to control the sliding down - not too sure I enjoyed that bit.

Lunch was lovely, set up in a warm and sunny spot surrounded by the wonderful environment. After a while we sadly had to be on the move again. The trip did finished mid-afternoon. Many thanks to Bronwyn for organising and leading the trip.

**Cheers, Alain**

What a great day for a drive in the Brindies. Meeting up at the homestead and seeing everybody nearly on time with Bron and Andy as our trip leaders. We had quite an assortment of solid steeds

to ride on with Ange in her little Pony. It was a bit obvious that we were all a bit rusty on driving and convoy procedures especially from upfront where left and right was a bit confusing. No names no court marshals. The drive was excellent, and the Powerline track was a bit squishy but fun. Ange and her little pony enjoyed the squishy bits by the sounds coming over the radio. Lunch at McIntyre's was very pleasant with sun shining and no wind. The drive out of McIntyre's was quite gentle and Baldy Range had a couple of ruts. Well done to Bron and Andy for a well organised trip. Looking forward to getting back out into the bush

**Michael**

It was a great opportunity for me to rediscover our Brindabella's since my return from travelling Australia. I so love the trees and the vistas in the mountains.

Weather was fantastic and as always, the company was too. I always enjoy my getaways with ST4WDC and recommend them to everyone. Thanks, Bron and Andy for leading us



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around the mountains on tracks I haven't taken before. Hilux was happy and so was I.

**Glynis**

Many thanks to Bron and her co-driver for running the Friday day trip to the Brindies. The weather was absolutely perfect and reminded us all how brilliant a day out in mid-winter can be. The tracks all gave us pleasant driving with no real challenges barring a short slippery patch on the Powerlines track (thanks Angela for

the entertainment!). The highlight was the opportunity to spend a little time in the bush with good friends, something that has been all too rare over the last several months. Thanks everyone for your company for the day.

**Cheers! Chris**

The day trip out at the Brindabella's was fabulous. Beautiful blue skies, good bunch of individuals and some sloppy and sloshed out tracks. Thanks for organising a great day out Bron. I am eagerly waiting for the next one.

**Siva**

Thanks to everyone for coming on the trip. We couldn't have asked for more beautiful weather. Tracks were relatively dryish, despite the rain earlier in the week, and the trip ran perfectly with fantastic participants. Friday appears to be a good day to get out of work and back on the tracks.

Until next time, cheers

**Bron and Andy**



# Easy P - Volunteering



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*Volunteer driving to assist learner drivers to get their P's*



Following changes to the rules for ACT learner drivers, BCS Youth Engagement will be assisting participants in the BCS Road Ready course to achieve their logbook hours through the pilot 'Easy P' program.

With assistance from the ACT Road Safety Fund, 'Easy P' will link learner drivers with up to 10 hours per week of driving mentoring with BCS volunteer drivers.

BCS is looking for volunteer drivers to help learner drivers achieve their logbook hours. Volunteers will need to have a clean driving record, and be willing to acquire a Working With Vulnerable People card. A vehicle will be provided, with all on-costs covered.

## Easy P

- Recruiting for volunteer drivers
- Must have clean driving record, licence-holder for 10 years minimum
- Must have or be willing to acquire a Working With Vulnerable People card
- Support, induction and driver / learner matching provided by BCS
- Vehicle and costs covered by BCS
- Supported by ACT Road Safety Fund
- Evaluation by University of Canberra

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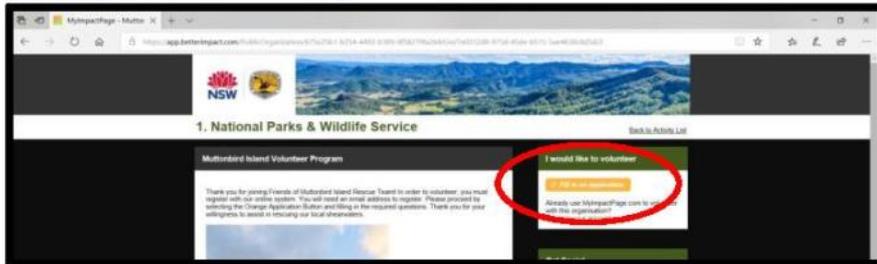
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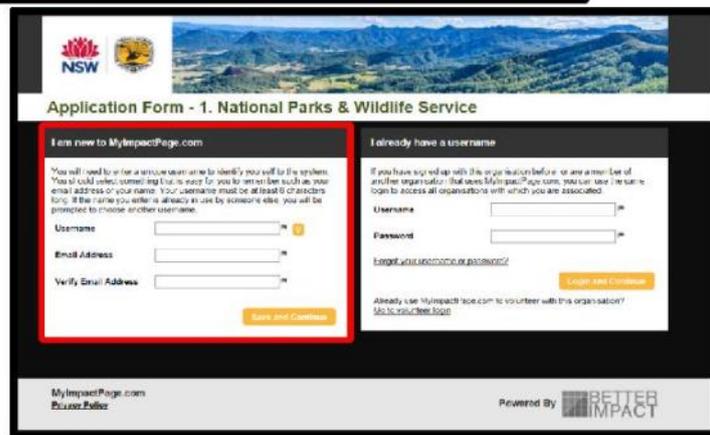
# Volunteer Registration

NPWS has a new online volunteer management system called VIP. Please follow the instruction below to register in the system. The process should take 5-10 minutes.

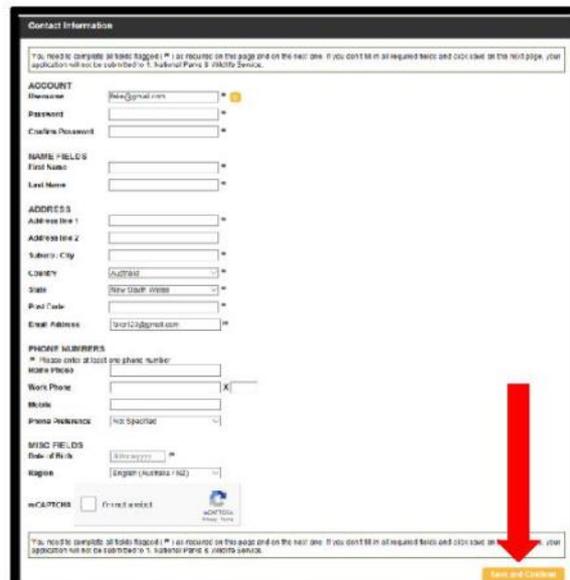
1. Go to this link: <https://4wdnow.com/pages/volunteer-sign-up-with-national-parks>
2. Hit the YELLOW "FILL IN APPLICATION" Button on the right of the screen. (red circle in screen shot below)



3. Create an account by filling in the form "I am new to MyImpactPage.com" (See this area in red rectangle to right). Use your **EMAIL** as your username. Click yellow **SAVE AND CONTINUE** button when you are finished.



4. Fill in the **CONTACT INFORMATION** form to the best of your abilities. The fields with **FLAGS** are required. Then Press the yellow **SAVE AND CONTINUE** button at the bottom of the page (red arrow in photo to right - you might need to scroll down to see it).



5. Another screen will pop up with multiple questions. Fill in the questions. Ones with **FLAGS** are required. Put N/A if it is required but you have no answer. Scroll down and continue to answer questions. After you have filled in the questions to the best of your ability, you will find the "SUBMIT APPLICATION" yellow button at the bottom of the page. Press this button and an **APPLICATION COMPLETE** confirmation screen will appear.

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### Quarterly Meeting / August 15th, 2020 - ZOOM

The order of things may be a bit different to usual for this report. Firstly, the Presidents report has been moved so that the committee can report on their areas and Craig can "sum up" if required. Also, as Greg Chase accepted our invitation to attend, we moved him to the front so he could get on with his day off with his family.

Zoom Meetings are very casual and if you have wanted to attend a quarterly but can't travel then you should try the Zoom meetings. I am watching the screen and can see some members are in track pants and slippers, some are using fake backgrounds on their computer to hid the fact that they are in bed!

Zoom is easy, so if you haven't had a go yet, join us for the next meeting in November or contact [office@4wdnow.com](mailto:office@4wdnow.com) to set up a zoom for your club meeting. The Association accounts is there for member use. Get in early to get the date that you want.

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All the regular delegates attended plus a few extras. We had a special guest from the National Council. Greg Chase, who is the current treasurer of the Council and the President of the South Australia 4WD Association. We have been trying to get someone from the Council to attend a quarterly since May last year, so our members were keen to hear from him. Greg had a lot to say about the current situation within the Council. Greg now has access to the bank and can see the bank statements going back 7 years, these are the same bank statements that our President Craig Thomas was accused of keeping hidden from the Council. Greg was asked to comment on the claim that the difficulties between Craig and a member of the council was a personality clash. Greg was very clear that Craig was bullied, and once NSW/ACT left, the bullying moved onto the next person who stood up to Shane Rose. That person also left the Council.

Although it's difficult at the moment, trying to deal with the mess the departing people have left behind, it's fair to say it will be sorted and the Council will move on and be stronger for the experience. The embezzlement issue is ongoing and all we can say for now is that it is a police matter.

The resignation of the Public Officer, Roger Sheath without notice or handover is causing some difficulties. As Roger was part of the "Management Committee" he has access or control over most aspects of the Council like email, bank accounts etc. With no hand over to the next PO or to the Council members it is making it difficult to get control of these things. As legally Roger must hand over the documents and files in his possession, we expect that he will when it gets to the deadline set by Fair Trading. He has been running the office from his home, so all the files are with him for now. Roger is not the only one to leave the Council. Queensland cancelled their membership which has reduced the number to 4 (it must be 5 under the ACT) so the Council is working with NSW/ACT to facilitate our return.

The mediation process which involved QLD, NT, SA, TAS and WA is still ongoing. As QLD has

cancelled their membership just before they had to attend, it will be left to the remaining states NT, SA, TAS, and WA (with a new delegate) to finalise it. As they all agree and are ready to "get back to work" it's only a formality to complete it.

The reason we left was subsidised insurance to the other states, we are glad to see that has not been repeated this current year and will not happen again.

Issues that needed to be resolved were

- 1) Bullying of our delegates at meetings (resolved)
- 2) Roger Sheath as Public Officer (resolved)
- 3) Selling insurance to non-affiliated clubs (resolved)
- 4) Financial situation

It appears that Roger Sheath has racked up a debt in his attempt to register the NSW ACT logo with our name inside it. The bills are outstanding from February and June and to date no minutes have been found that approve the expenditure. We were also served with a cease and desist letter regarding our Logo. Again, unauthorised by the rest of the committee. In view of this and the possibility of more unpaid invoices and legal actions we have asked for indemnity against any actions taken by the Council while we were not members, in particular any future insurance claims made under the policy by unaffiliated clubs.

If we go back, the Association will cover the fees to return. Clubs will not be invoiced for this year. The fee was \$2 per member as the Council reduced it for 20/21. It was floated by QLD that the fee should be raised to \$28 for future years though. That did not get accepted by the rest of the committee and it looks like a ploy to keep states from joining so they would have to join ARMA for insurance.

NSW/ACT has also been in touch with 4WD Victoria, they are open to discussion about their return to the Council.

I have only just recently heard the term "white anting".

*It is an Australian term for the process of internal erosion of a foundation. Usually in political parties and other organisations.*

This tactic of white anting has been used against NSW/ACT and its committee along with most of the other states, by people with their own agenda. By listening and believing what these people have been saying it has allowed the damage to the Council to be so severe. A lesson for us all here is to ask for proof when someone tells us something. Ask for proof and don't believe it until it is brought up in public at a meeting. If they won't bring it up, then you should mention it yourself. Transparency and honesty in everything we do is vital.

**UPDATE** We have since found out that just after our quarterly the WA Association had their meeting and their delegate Bruce Brinkey (ARMA VP) stepped down before he was booted out. That gives us a clean sweep and all the ARMA people are gone from the council. They are still causing issues, but they are no longer on the Committee. Things should start to go back to normal from now. It will be nice to start to report some positive things that the Council is doing. Lee Dunstan is now the Public Officer of the National Council and he will also be our delegate. Thank you, Lee, for stepping up to help.

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## VP Clubs Report

Zoom meetings are very popular with many of our clubs. The Association account is available for any club that needs it. There is no cost to your club so email [office@4wdnow.com](mailto:office@4wdnow.com) and get a slot for your meeting. It has proven to be so popular that a few clubs now have their own accounts.

Our Facebook page is going gang busters, we are up to 9947 likes and it gains us momentum and makes it easier to get meetings, get support and good will. In this day of Social Media, it's always looked at by decision makers before they decide to work with us. We have most of our clubs financial at this time.

Shane McClymont

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## Treasurer's Report

The financial report was attached to the August Newsletter and will also be attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Check the website for both of those documents.

Tony Ellery

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## Presidents Report

Mt Airly, we had a meeting to attend to present to the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC). It was planned to be the same day as this quarterly meeting, but it was cancelled because of Covid. All other Plans of Management have been finalised except for this one. They are waiting for an opportunity of a face to face meeting to give it the best chance of approval. Nothing will happen until we get the chance to present our plan so we are very hopeful that in the near future we will be operating a permit system for my Airly.

This is why the time we spend on the RAC's and the Ministers Advisory Council (MAC) is invaluable. It's interesting that if we had been approved for this permit system when we first asked for it we would be 5 years into a 6 year scheme. If we can manage this well it could be the first of many and a much better alternative to closing tracks.

We all heard about the closure of the road in the Watagans. Forest Corp contacted us to let us know of their plans before it was announced. It was hard to argue the closure when the reason is that people are dumping asbestos and it's getting into the waterways and local residents are being threatened. We are working with Forest Corp to help with the clean-up of this area. I did a radio interview with ABC Central Coast about this event. It went very well and there may be an opportunity for more like it.

Chitcheater SF - This area has been closed because of the circle work that destroyed the camping area. Again, we are working with Forest Corp on this. NSW/ACT is the solution to issues like this, it is what gives us opportunities to move forward with Forests. If you know anything about this event please email [exec@4wdnow.com](mailto:exec@4wdnow.com)

Craig Thomas

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## Australian Confederation of Motor Clubs (ACMC)

All the government departments have been bundled into one area. It's not working well for the users. The RMS facilitator for the Vehicle Standards Working Group (VSWG) was Dan Levy. He has had a massive stroke and is not expected to return to the role. Things have stalled. Transport pushed for GVM changes and said that the axle must be rated. Trucks have this rating but 4WDs do not. So, this new system could not work. There have been over 40 000 GVM upgrades over the last few

years, Council, Emergency, Police Vehicles included. The industry has complained (Pedders, ARB). They build and sell kits to Australia and the rest of the world. If the government says its dangerous, that is catastrophic for the industry, so it had to be sorted quickly. Now that has been pointed out it has all come to a stop. This shows how well the VSWG works. So GVM standards in NSW are all good at the moment.

The VIS.64 is now final. It's all about Aftermarket Forward Facing Lamps. Fitting and Use. It's on the front page of the website so check it out. I worked on this VSI so if you have any questions, I am the person to ask. [president@4wdnow.com](mailto:president@4wdnow.com)  
Because of our involvement with the ACMC we got the benefits of the Conditional Vehicle Scheme (CVS). We got the flow on benefit when it was achieved for the Street Machines. A lot of these things that are worked on for one group will flow down to other groups, being involved at the top level means that our concerns are considered in the final result. We don't do much with the Historic registrations as that is looked after at a club level. There are several clubs within our Association that do historic. The Southern Motor Group is involved.  
Craig Thomas

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## Communication Report

Why do we have 3 websites? Well that is a great question. I suppose the easy answer is because we can. The Association doesn't pay for them (except hosting fees) and they benefit the members, so why not have 3. The main page <https://4wdnow.com/> is for members to get information. It is the place to go for minutes, agendas, the constitution, and newsletters. You can book The Glen or Dingo Dell; you can contact the DTU or sign up for the Adventure Show. It also showcases the good work that we as an Association of Clubs does for the community. When we apply for a grant or make appointments with Ministers and Industry leaders, they check out our website and Facebook pages to confirm that we are who we say we are. The website shines a spotlight on us. In short, this page gains us good standing with those that we want to engage.

<https://jamboree.4wdnow.com> is for the jamboree, it keeps our history (if you have anything please send it to me) It helps the host clubs of the future see what we did, if it worked and how to do it again. It also hosts the Perpetual Signpost of winners of each event and we all know how important that is. It's where we book sites and get the information for the current Jamboree.

The Members Rewards website (not launched yet) is more of a shop, with items clubs can buy with points collected through the year. It's on hold for now because the funding comes from the Adventure Show. Once we squash the Covid bug and get back to life as we prefer it the Show will be back on and this page will become live.

It's important to keep these things separate, because it avoids confusion between "Club Dollars" on the rewards site and real dollars on the Jamboree site. Plus, if we get this permit system up and running on Mt Airly the permits will be booked via [www.4wdnow.com](http://www.4wdnow.com) and this money will be accounted for differently than Jamboree money. If we smashed them all together it would be confusing and impossible to highlight important things like i currently do. The original budget that I was allowed back in May 2018 was \$A400 per month. The Aussie Dollar is low compared to its level 2 years ago and I am still under budget. I will have to add a couple of Apps to do the permit system or perhaps get one written, i am researching that now to be ready. They are all working well, and I am proud of them. I am especially proud of 4wdnow.com. When I work on that site and I see all the great work you guys do in the community I am pleased to feel a part of that. Keep doing what you do

out there and please send me reports so I can put them up for everyone else to read.

I am working on a few projects at the moment. We finally have a contact with Destination NSW. We offered them stands at the show for Tourist Information Centres, but obvious that has not panned out, so I have offered them 6 pages in the handbook for 2021. I will let you know how that works out for us.

There have been many projects that have been cancelled because of Covid. Projects I have worked on that are then delayed indefinitely so there is no result. I know I am not alone in this. The grant that we applied for to get a "Projects Trailer" has just closed for the second round. We are still hopeful that we will be successful. It should be announced soon.

I have been on the phone talking to many of our clubs in the last few months. Checking in to see how they are going. Most are doing well and have started to get back out on the tracks. While some are still idle and not having meetings or trips. For those clubs that are struggling, we are here for you. Let us know how we can help. The Zoom account is available and if you need help working out how to use it, we can help with that. If you want some of us to attend a meeting to get you started again we can help with that too. Email me and we can get things moving.

[office@4wdnow.com](mailto:office@4wdnow.com) Maggie Thomas

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### Adventure Show

The Show has been cancelled. We were hoping to host a smaller show in November but with the resurgence of Covid it looks like it's not going to happen. Pages hire going into voluntary receivership was the tipping point. We believe that if we had the show now it would be poorly attended as the public wouldn't want to take the chance. As it is a very costly event it will be a big risk for Premier Events to take. The decision has to be made by them; we are happy to let them take the lead.

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### Bridal Track

Individual properties that are needed for the new route have been purchased all except for one. The property is being purchased by compulsory acquisition; this means that it may take a little longer. Until that is finalised nothing will be announced.

### Lithgow Project

Now that the issue of our logo has been resolved with the resignation of Roger Sheath we can get on with replacing the sign posts in the Newnes Plateau. The signs were destroyed in the recent fires. We still have funds in the bank for this project so it's just a matter of getting the signs remade and installed again. If you would like to help please contact [projects@4wdnow.com](mailto:projects@4wdnow.com)

### Crown Lands

Crown Lands have asked for input into their Draft Strategic Plan for the use of Crown Lands. Crown Lands are of importance to us, so we have made a submission. Maggie has helped on this project. There have also been a few clubs that have taken the time to make submissions. If your club does one of its own it's important to mention NSW/ACT as this lends weight to the submission.

- Roger Pollett

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### DTU

The meeting that was planned for early August was cancelled due to Covid. This meeting was the

follow up meeting after the February meeting. It will come back onto the calendar when C19 settles down again. It was unfortunate that it coincided with the recent increase in Covid cases in Sydney and the Hunter.

A lot of training has progressed during Covid as training comes under education and is allowable under the rules. While training is allowable under the rules, mixing people from many areas is not. It's important that we understand the DTU is working within the rules and is also looking at the safety of our members.

We also need to be mindful that our DTU are volunteers and the final decision on training has to left for them to decide if they are comfortable with the risk. Training members is important but the well being of our trainers is paramount.

UPDATE: Denley Richards is standing down in November so Dayne Schollenberger has been appointed as the Associations representative on the DTU which is Chaired by Peter Wade. He will need some time to catch up to the rest of us, but as he comes highly recommended by Getabout Training Services we feel he is the perfect person for the role. As always you can contact the DTU through the website.

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**General Chit Chat** - (Zoom meetings are less formal so we get a chance to do this)

Chainsaw Courses - David from the Suzuki Club has remarked that members from his club have completed the course and have already put it to good use. He reports that the course catered to experienced users as well as new users and they all got something from it. The club has received valuable training - so thanks for that.

Wagga Wagga seconded that and loved the course.

New Member Interest - Mark Romer from Southern Cross reported a lot of interest from new members and the club is now up to 54 members.

Port Hunter and the Nissan Patrol Clubs also reported an increase in membership. Craig noted that it may be worth looking at your clubs procedures to ensure that the right ones are in place so that you can take advantage of this influx. Especially clubs that do not have a membership officer to look after the needs of new members.

Zoom Meetings - Most clubs seem to be doing Zoom, but some have been able to have face to face meetings with a Covid plan. The biggest challenge seems to be stopping people from getting too close for the after meeting chat. A Covid Marshall is required to keep reminding people. Keep seated and stay apart are the important points. Some clubs report they are doing outdoor meetings and they are working well. If any one has a COVID plan or any tips for Zoom use please forward to [office@4wdnow.com](mailto:office@4wdnow.com) so i can include it in a future newsletter.

Lots of clubs that are spread over a wide area have said they are loving Zoom and even after Covid becomes a think of the past they will continue its use. More members are able to attend than normally could because of distance or time. This is an option worth considering. When you have meetings in halls and clubs these venues will have Covid rules that you will need to follow. Check with them to ensure you are doing the right thing. Check on our website for some of these plans and forms that may help you.

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## Hunter Region

There have been a few submissions to the local councils. Some have had positive results. Dungong Strategic Plan to improve tourism. Offering the support of the Hunter Region and the NSW/ACT Association. It's all about creating relationships with decision makers.

Covid has a positive side and that is local tourism. This is good for all our regions. Janene and Brock have been working hard on this and have gotten some good attention on 4wd driving in the Hunter and the Mid North Coast.

The circle work at Chitcheater is making it hard to promote 4wd driving as a legitimate recreation, but opportunities may come to us from that. 38 campgrounds have been added to the booking system, that's a 500% increase in campground bookings when compared to July 2019.

The Facebook video of flying cars on Stockton Beach has been passed onto the Police. We got a media quote on this which helps to make us the "go to" for 4wd driving in NSW/ACT. It's comforting to know that the "stars" of the video are not members of NSW/ACT. - Brock Smith

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The AGM is on again in November, at this stage it will be a Zoom meeting. We have received interest from a few people who will nominate for a position on the committee. They have been shadowing the committee for a few months and have been included in our meetings.

They are

- **Lee Dunstan** (Black Diamond).

Lee is the current President of the Black Diamond Club, Our Southern Region Chair and also our liaison with National Parks, Lee has been instrumental in securing the grant money to co-fund our Chainsaw Training. **Lee is interested in the position of VP Lands.**

- **Robert Matysiak** (Sturt)

Robert is the current president of the Sturt Club. He is past delegate to the National Council and was part of the committee to help us find a way back to the Council. Robert was the Chairman for NSW/ACT Access & Environment Group, his role was to ascertain the truth of Wilderness assessments. It will be helpful to balance new ideas with past experience. **Robert is interested in the position of Secretary.**

- **Rollanda Rosenstraus** (Nissan Patrol).

Rollanda is an Accountant by profession and is the past President of the Nissan Patrol Club, a long-term member and a positive active influence. She is experienced in event management being instrumental in the organisation of the Nissan Trials for many years. It would be great to have Rollanda on the committee as the Nissan Club has just returned after an absence of 14 years. A lot has changed in that time. **Rollanda is interested in a General Committee position.**

- **Dayne Schollenberger** (Camping with Families)

Dayne is very active in training and has been appointed as the Committees representative on the DTU. Dayne has been active in the Association particularly at the Adventure Shows and comes highly recommended by Getabout Training Service. Dayne is also an active member of the Rural Fires Service (RFS) and he will bring that experience to our committee. **Dayne is interested in a General Committee position.**

**Stepping down this November will be**

Nigel Ward - VP Lands

Nicole Douglas - Secretary

Denley Richards - General Committee

Dru Spork - General Committee

A big thank you to these people who have given so much of their time to this committee and our Association. They will be missed. Of course, they won't go far away and will be there to assist as required with future projects.

**David Wellham is our Returning Officer (Subaru).**

**As usual the nomination form is on the website in Documents.**

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**AGM and 4th Quarterly Meeting - TBA check the front page of the website when the date gets closer - November 21st, 2020**

A great way to keep up with what is happening and get involved.

Watch the website for the agenda. A reminder will be in the newsletters.

Sorry it is so long guys, there was a lot to cover.

# Classified Advertisements



## 2010 Landcruiser GXL 79 Series

4.5L Diesel Turbo V8; 5 Speed Manual; White, grey interior; 204,906 KM; Registered till March 2021.

One owner, well-maintained and serviced. Toyota tough and reliable. Set up for all types of off-road touring and camping. Custom-made quality canopy by **Hidrive** (previously Bosston)

### EXTRAS include

- GVM Upgrade 400 kg
- Greaseable Shackles
- Air Bag Suspension
- Dual Batteries
- Red Arc Battery System
- External Anderson plug
- Breathers lifted
- Water-Watch fuel system and alarm
- Toyota Tow Bar
- 3" Exhaust System
- Twin 91L Fuel Tanks
- ARB color coded Bull Bar
- Winch 12K
- Driving lights
- Rhino roof rack
- Reverse Camera Kit
- Cabin Console and CB Radio
- Bonnet and Headlight Protectors



### HIDRIVE CANOPY includes

- Central Locking linked to cab
- Twin 33L undertray poly water tanks
- Twin underbody storage boxes profiled to body
- Underbody roller drawer 1920 x 670
- Lockable dual spare wheel carriers
- Custom made roll out storage drawers x 3
- Slide out table
- Inverter Powertech 300W
- ARB Compressor
- LED strip lighting
- LED work lights on each side
- Mesh panel tie off on rear wall
- Rubber mat, 6mm solid, profiled to body
- Gas bottle holder
- Twin Roof Vents
- Fridge slide



**\$68,000 ONO**

Contact Grahame Macdonald. Selling due to changed life direction. Reasonable offers welcome

Ph 0418678241 / Ph 0408628412

# Classified Advertisements



## 2015 Mazda BT-50 XTR UR Automatic 4x4 Ute

2015 Mazda BT-50 fitted with all the accessories for off road driving with the added bonus of a GVM upgrade for additional towing and loading capacity. In good condition with nothing to spend. Full service history available. This ute has everything you need including:

- upgraded Old Man Emu suspension
- ARB Heavy Duty steel Bull Bar
- ARB Ascent Canopy
- ARB Summit Rear Towbar 3.5 Ton
- Smittybuilt 10000lb waterproof winch
- 145 litre long range fuel tank
- ARB Safari Snorkel
- Redarc Tow Pro
- Baintech Power Top Battery Pack
- Redarc BCDC Charger
- Underbody Protection Kit
- Underbody Rated Recovery Point
- UHF Radio
- Diesel Care secondary fuel filter
- Diesel Care Catch-can
- BFG All-Terrain Tyres
- Transmission Oil Cooler
- Tinted Windows
- Ultra Nitro Maxx 120w LED Driving Lights
- Rear Tray Dust Seals
- Rhino Tradesman Roof Bars
- Rear Tray Liner and mat
- Hema 4wd Mapping software installed



Asking Price is **\$43,500**

Phone Ian on **0490-456312** for more information.



# Classified Advertisements



## Rated recovery points.

RP-PAT04, rated to 5,000kgs.  
Suitable for:

- Patrol GU II-V;
- Landcruiser 10/100/105 series

Brand new in box, never fitted.

**\$70.00**

## Pair of after market side steps for GU Patrol.

More robust than standard, but not sliders or jacking points.

Good condition. **\$50.00**



**Contact: Matt Warmington • 0407 562 656 • mattwarmo@gmail.com**

# Classified Advertisements

## 2008 TOYOTA LANDCRUISER CAB CHASSIS (DLS 05Y) & TRAYON CAMPER



### Extras on vehicle include:

Bull bar, winch and side rails.  
 Weather shields left & right.  
 ARB compressor in toolbox.  
 80 Channel Icom CB roof mounted  
 NOW ARB roof rack.  
 Full width tyre box, 2 tyres & tools.  
 Daytime LED running lights.  
**5 Mag Rim Highway tyres (continental)**  
**6 Steel Rim 4WD Cooper Discovery ST**

Bespoke steel tray, rubber tray mat.  
 Air conditioning & dual battery system.  
 Full length shelf under tray & ladder rack.  
 CODAN H F Radio mounted behind seat.  
 4 toolboxes under the tray.  
 Air bag assist suspension.  
 Tow bar 50 mm SQ, lock, pin and bolt.  
 Switched LED reverse / work light.

### TRAYON extras:

Extra power points & 12-volt outlets.  
 Corner bolsters & 2 ARB LED lights.  
 Canvas skirt, fly & awning (not in picture).

High density foam double mattress.  
 Extra new house batteries.  
 TRAYON Number 541.

**Contact: David Campbell • 0431 574 303 • dcam77@netspeed.com.au**

One owner since new. Cost over \$125,000 to assemble. Low Km (under 122,000Km). NSW rego to 12/4/20.

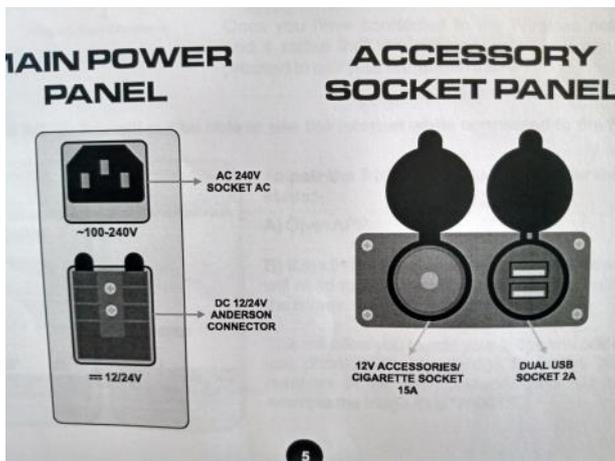
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## Kick-Ass 45 Litre Portable car fridge

For camper trailer or car.

Hardly used and works well. We used it for 3 week trip to Fraser Island and we had no issues. Kept food at 4 degrees on successive 30 + degree days.



### Features:

- wi-fi tech to remotely control and monitor temperature.
- heavy duty protective fridge cover
- 240V AC power cable
- 12 Volt DC Anderson plug.
- Accessory socket panel with dual USB socket 2A and 12V cigarette socket 15

The reason for selling is that we want to upgrade to a fridge freezer combination.

**Asking price is \$550.00**



Please email or call: [monica.ruibal@anu.edu.au](mailto:monica.ruibal@anu.edu.au) 0413 477 797.

# Classified Advertisements

## Wanted

4 or 5 wheels \ rims to suite Prado 2016 GLX.

### 150 Series

- GXL 17x7.5" ET25

Also interested in Off Road tyres, doesn't need to be new but with half decent tread left.

Contact Andy 0409 315 643

### 70L Evakool Icebox.

In excellent condition, undamaged. Some scuffs. Keeps ice for 6 days even in hot summers.



Asking price is \$150.00

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<b>Hoodies:</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>
<b>Rugby Tops:</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Caps:</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Bucket Hats:</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Beanies:</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Name Badges:</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>



**Club clothing is available at Club Meetings,  
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